

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year Budget: Covert Action. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D242)

H.R. 882, to nullify any reservation of funds during fiscal year 1999 for guaranteed loans under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers. Signed March 15, 1999. (P.L. 106-2)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to resume hearings to examine the nature of risk management in agriculture and federal crop insurance programs, 8 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Air Force programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, General Accounting Office, and the Government Printing Office, 10 a.m., SD-116.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the efforts to reform and streamline the Department of Defense's acquisition process, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on tactical aviation modernization, and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to continue markup of a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2000 budget for the Federal Government, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold joint hearings on proposals to expand Iraqi oil for food, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on loss of open space and environmental quality, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the implementation of 1997 Medicare changes to Medicare-Fee for Service and Medicare+Choice Programs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings on proposals to expand Iraqi oil for food, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on nuclear safety issues, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert A. Seiple, of Washington, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to resume hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to mark up S. 326, to improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care, and to consider pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 400, to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Rural Development, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on FBI, 10 a.m., and on U.S. Trade Representative, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on fiscal year 2000 Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., and executive, on fiscal year 2000 Army Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, on Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on GAO and National Park Service Housing, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on OSHA, 10 a.m., and on Employment and Training Administration/Veterans Employment; and Inspectors General Panel, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on GSA and Judicial Conference of the U.S., 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on U.S. policy in the Balkans, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the report of the Congressional Commission on Military Training and Gender-Related Issues as required by the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on Armed Forces Retirement Home, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.